

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 22 and 27-29 were examined in the Office Action. Claims 2-7, 9-20 and 23-26 are currently withdrawn.

Claim 29 is cancelled in this Amendment. Thus any objections to this claim are no longer at issue.

Claim 22 is amended to clarify that the lateral bore extends through the spray head. Support is found in Figure 4 showing lateral bore 15 extending through the spray head. Claim 22 is amended to clarify that the rotatable cylindrical element inserts into the lateral bore from the other end. Support is found in Figure 4, showing cylindrical element 16 inserted into lateral bore 15 from the end, and at page 12, lines 17-19, of the originally filed specification. Claim 22 is amended to clarify that the cylindrical element has a tapering end portion. Support is found in Figure 4 showing tapering end portion 17 of a cylindrical element. Also, the term “non-symmetrical cone-shaped” is removed from the claim.

Claim 22 is also amended to remove the reference to an aerosol can.

Claim 27 is rewritten in independent form to recite the spray head of claim 22.

Claim 28 is amended to refer to “the” material to be sprayed.

Drawing Objections

Claim 29 is canceled. Thus, the drawing objection to this claim is moot.

Claim 22 is amended to remove the term aerosol can. Thus, the drawing objection to this claim is moot.

Objection to Claim 27

The Office Action objected to claims 22 and 27 as being substantially duplicates. Claim 27 is rewritten in independent form, thus removing this objection.

Section 112, First Paragraph

The objection to claims 22, 27 and 28 under written description for the inclusion of “non-symmetrical cone-shaped” is no longer an issue since the term is removed from these claims.

Section 112, Second Paragraph

The term “cone-shaped” is removed from claim 22. Thus, the Section 112, second paragraph objections to claims 22, 27 and 28 are moot.

Section 102

The rejection of claims 22, 27 and 28 as anticipated by Beres et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,393,844) is respectfully traversed. The cited prior art does not describe all features of the claims.

Current claim 22 recites a lateral bore that extends through the spray head. In contrast, none of the lateral bores in Beres extend through the spray head (see Figures 1-8 of Beres). Moreover, claim 22 recites a cylindrical element which inserts into the lateral bore from the end, whereas in Beres, no element inserts into the end of the lateral bore. Because Beres fails to teach or suggest all features of the claims, claims 22, 27 and 28 are neither anticipated nor obvious in light of the cited reference.

Furthermore, claims 22, 27 and 28 are not anticipated or obvious in view of the previously cited Martini reference (U.S. Patent No. 3,961,756). In particular, Martini fails to teach or suggest a cylindrical element with a tapering end portion. Instead, Martini describes an end portion which is the same diameter throughout (see Figure 2, end 33, and Figure 3). As such, claims 22, 27 and 28 are patentable over Martini.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized during prosecution of this application and any related appeal, to charge any fees that may be required (except for patent issue fees required under 37 CFR §1.18) or to credit any overpayment of fees

to Deposit Account No. 50-3881, under Order No. 7472-104. If an extension of time is required in connection with this paper, please consider this a Petition therefor and charge any fees required to Deposit Account No. 50-3881, under Order No. 7472-104

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